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How Sen. Inouye Views the New Political Situation

HAWAII'S senior senator, Daniel K. Inouye, is home from Congress for the August recess. The *Star-Bulletin* Editorial Board asked him to meet with it to discuss the changed situation in Washington. Here are the highlights of the conversation:

CIA Problems

Q: You used to be the head of the Senate Intelligence Committee, and have a lot of friends and contacts over there. Could you share with us your thoughts about

Director William Casey and some of the problems he's had at the CIA, and also the business of Max Hugel, the deputy director who wound up almost running that agency, then quit?

A: Well, the deputy director of operations, the fellow we refer to as DDO, is second only in importance to the director himself. It's a very sensitive position, one where the fellows who are below the DDO must have good communication and complete trust and confidence. Max Hugel on his own was a successful businessman but he had no intelligence experience. The reason Casey wanted him, according to the testimony, was to use his background and connections as a businessman, international businessman, so we can involve our business people in our intelligence gathering. Whatever that means.

Much of the campaign — the campaign against Hugel — did not come from the Senate nor did it come from the House. It must have come from the agency. Somebody must have done some bird-dogging and research, and looking around, snooping around, into files, because I don't have the time and the inclination, nor do other committee members, to check out on this fellow. We feel if he's honest and he can keep secrets and if that's the fellow Casey wants, then so be it. But then little things kept sprouting up. I think these little things were leaked to the press by some of the fellows in the agency.

Now, Casey's nomination was approved because we thought with Casey being as close as he is to the president, it would be a plus for the intelligence community. The stories against Casey, brought about by so-called exposes in the *Washington Post* and other papers, for the most part were minor, inconsequential, and nitty. Now, for example, as a lawyer Casey must have handled hundreds upon hundreds of clients; and he is supposed to report as part of his disclosure, the names, occupations and the nature of the case of any client that paid him more than \$500. So he had to go through a computer printout. He missed one, one that had nothing to do with his integrity, just something it missed. But it hit the front pages.

The articles suggested that something was being hidden. Secondly, he had a client who was friendly with Mr. So-and-so who had connections with the syndicate, the equation being therefore Casey was close to the syndicate. My, God! If you use that kind of argument, you can condemn me for anything you want.

I think in this case, the press people responsible went a bit overboard. I suppose it's part of reporting, but, well,

Q: Sen. Barry Goldwater said Casey should quit, though. Remember?

A: Yes. But afterwards, he realized he was a bit premature and should have waited until everything came in.

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